

But When the Comforter is Come (John 14:26 & 15:26)

God Interrupts His Absence

Proposition: It is essential that every child of God understand the presence and the activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives. And they can understand by performing the activities drawn out of several texts concerning this Divine Comforter.

I. Realize the Attendance of the Comforter

- A. A Steady Attendance (Ch 14:16)
- B. A Selective Attendance (Ch 14:17)
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- A. A Clarifying Activity (Ch 14:26)
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- C. A Convincing Activity (Ch 16:7-11)

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- B. A Parental Assistance (Ch 14:18)
- C. A Powerful Assistance (Acts Ch 1:4-5; 8)

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I recently read an account about the great Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen the first to discover the south Pole. On one of his trips, Amundsen took a homing pigeon with him. When he had finally reached the top of the world, he opened the bird's cage and set it free. You imagine the delight of Amundsen's wife, back in Norway, when she looked up from the doorway of her home and saw the pigeon circling in the sky above. No doubt she shouted, "He's alive! He's alive! My husband is still alive!" Likewise some 2000 years ago the resurrection body of our Saviour ascended to the height of heaven with the promise of a soon coming heavenly comforter. And on the day of pentecost, this promise from a living Saviour came true. The comforter came and this same divine emissary is still active and present today. Although we have not the living body of our Saviour with us here, God interrupts His absence by sending the co-equal, co-powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. If you have

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Look back at the previous verses of 15:26 (23-25) These are disheartening words. Add to it departure and crucifixion and trouble and

but then Jesus reminds them that they will meet him
A. A Steady Attendance (Ch 14:16) I remember
many a night in college when I had a question
about a paper or an assignment and wished that
my professor was w/ me to tell me. I'd go to
their offices in hopes that they would be there.
Like wise I've had questions and dilemmas where
oh if I could just have Jesus here in front of
me. But this promise of H.S. brings Jesus into my view.
B. A Selective Attendance (Ch 14:17) -

He not in everybody in the world. True
that no one is saved except by the ministry
of the holy spirit. But he's not the world's
Comforter. No He's the world's discomforter!
But once we have placed our trust in Christ
and we like Moses began by faith to see Him
who is invisible; that same troubling spirit becomes

C. A Similar Attendance (Ch 14:18) - These
disciples that Jesus was speaking to had
spent every moment with Jesus for the past 35
years. They ⁵ saw His compassionate healings and miracles
at his hands. They heard the authoritative
and insightful teaching of God himself. They
were lead by Him, strengthened by him, empowered
by Him, calmed & comforted by Him. And now

11. Respond to the Activity of the Comforter
Needless to say this Divine partner
and leader is not just a moocher
a loafer that's just hanging around.

1) ...you have placed your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, then this same Spirit of God resides in you. But why? For what reason has he come? I believe in these final words of the Lord Jesus here in the gospel of John we find the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit revealed to us today. It is essential that every child of God understand this presence and the activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives. And we can understand it by performing the activities drawn out of several texts concerning this Divine Comforter.

2) ...Jesus into my everyday. One author wrote : "The Holy spirit is our private Lecturer. He's our Heavenly Tutor. He's our one-on-one instructor giving us "in house" training. "Talk about Home Schooling"

3) ...becomes a teaching spirit.

4) ..and now he is leaving and sending another comforter? Vs. 16 that word "another" means "one of like kind" All that Jesus was to these disciples, so would the coming comforter be for them. And as for you and I that same Holy Spirit of Christ no less leads, guides, protects, instructs, empowers enables us today!

1) ...explain the difficult portion of the book with great clarity. That Bible you hold in your hand was written by the selfsame author that indwells the heart of every believer: 2 Peter 1:21 ...holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2) ...about that with this substitute. Jesus said that the Spirit will lead you exactly like I will lead you. There is a correspondence between to two. Oh how often we run into error when we attribute to the Spirit of God that which is contrary to the word of God. These will never, never be in dis agreement!

3) ...of their need of a Saviour. These scriptures are a message withing themselves, but I do want to highlight this activity. Sin – Unbelief. Rightousness – He got up out of the grave. Judgment – it is coming to all that oppose God. Christian remember when you share your faith and seek for the salvation of the lost, there's more at work than just your words of pleading, the all powerful Holy Ghost of God is working on that hear as well.

dominant and inactive. No he is active in the world

A. A Clarifying Activity (Ch 14:26) - The activity of this heavenly instructor is to teach the book that he wrote. Heard a story of an author that boarded a plane and notices the lady across the aisle was reading the book he wrote. He asked her about the book. She said its great, there is only one section that she really didn't understand. Revealing himself as the author he began to explain. (1)

B. A Corresponding Activity (Ch 16:13-14) When I was in Seminary I was taking a counseling course when the instructor had to be gone for several weeks. The substitute came in. Took one look at what we were doing and said "that's not really what you need and took the class in a different direction for several weeks. We do not have to worry about that (2)

C. A Continuing Activity (Ch 16:7-11) I do believe that as we read the word of God this divine teacher strengthens our faith by further convincing us of the validity of the truth of God. But that's not the continuing activity I'm referring to. (Vs 7-11). The Holy Spirit may not be internal in the world but he is influencing. (3)

convicting and convincing the lost of their need

III. Rely on the Assistance of the Comforter

There is more to the other worldly teacher than just an eternal preser and even on a cold busy activity but

this spirit is called a Comforter.

A. A Parallel Assistance (Ch 14:26) - The word translates comforter "paraklete" para where we get word Parallel - to come along side. Specifically it means one who comes along side to help, a counsellor, helper, cheerer, Advocate, Strengthener and stand-by. Our author wrote, He is our Counsellor, to whom we can go for guidance. He is the Spirit of truth & wisdom. He is

B. A Parental Assistance (Ch 14:18) - The word "comfortless" in Vs 18 is the greek or orphanos from which we get our word orphan. The truth is that Jesus has not left us like orphans in this sinful world. The Heavenly paraklete is that heavenly Parent to come to assist us in this world.

C. A Powerful Assistance (Acts 1:4-5, 8) - Upon the departing of the Lord Jesus the immense task of the Great commission was placed at the feet of the church of God. How can we reach the world? Wait for the gift of the father. The spirit has come, enabling us to the task of reaching ^{the} world.

IV. Closing.

- 1)He is our unfailing Helper. The one who is always allong side to grant strength and grace. He is our intercessor who teaches us to pray according to the will of God. He is our advocate, the one who pleads our case with groanins that can not be uttered. Thie paraclete strenghtens and establishes our hearts in the faith, and as Stand-by He never leaves us not forsakes us.